

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 551

AN ACT

To provide for the implementation of air quality programs developed in accordance with an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Southern Ute and Col-
5 orado Intergovernmental Agreement Implementation Act
6 of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress, after review and in rec-
 3 ognition of the purposes and uniqueness of the Intergov-
 4 ernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian
 5 Tribe and the State of Colorado, finds that—

6 (1) the Intergovernmental Agreement is con-
 7 sistent with the special legal relationship between
 8 Federal Government and the Tribe; and

9 (2) air quality programs developed in accord-
 10 ance with the Intergovernmental Agreement and
 11 submitted by the Tribe for approval by the Adminis-
 12 trator may be implemented in a manner that is con-
 13 sistent with the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et
 14 seq.).

15 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to provide
 16 for the implementation and enforcement of air quality con-
 17 trol programs under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401
 18 et seq.) and other air quality programs developed in ac-
 19 cordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement that pro-
 20 vide for—

21 (1) the regulation of air quality within the exte-
 22 rior boundaries of the Reservation; and

23 (2) the establishment of a Southern Ute Indian
 24 Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission.

25 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

26 In this Act:

1 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
2 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-
3 mental Protection Agency.

4 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
5 means the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colo-
6 rado Environmental Commission established by the
7 State and the Tribe in accordance with the Intergov-
8 ernmental Agreement.

9 (3) INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.—The
10 term “Intergovernmental Agreement” means the
11 agreement entered into by the Tribe and the State
12 on December 13, 1999.

13 (4) RESERVATION.—The term “Reservation”
14 means the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

15 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
16 of Colorado.

17 (6) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
18 Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

19 **SEC. 4. TRIBAL AUTHORITY.**

20 (a) AIR PROGRAM APPLICATIONS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator is au-
22 thorized to treat the Tribe as a State for the pur-
23 pose of any air program applications submitted to
24 the Administrator by the Tribe under section 301(d)
25 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7601(d)) to carry

1 out, in a manner consistent with the Clean Air Act
 2 (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), the Intergovernmental
 3 Agreement.

4 (2) APPLICABILITY.—If the Administrator ap-
 5 proves an air program application of the Tribe, the
 6 approved program shall be applicable to all air re-
 7 sources within the exterior boundaries of the Res-
 8 ervation.

9 (b) TERMINATION.—If the Tribe or the State termi-
 10 nates the Intergovernmental Agreement, the Adminis-
 11 trator shall promptly take appropriate administrative ac-
 12 tion to withdraw treatment of the Tribe as a State for
 13 the purpose described in subsection (a)(1).

14 **SEC. 5. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—If any person fails to comply with
 16 a final civil order of the Tribe or the Commission made
 17 in accordance with the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401
 18 et seq.) or any other air quality program established under
 19 the Intergovernmental Agreement, the Tribe or the Com-
 20 mission, as appropriate, may bring a civil action for de-
 21 claratory or injunctive relief, or for other orders in aid
 22 of enforcement, in the United States District Court for
 23 the District of Colorado.

24 (b) NO EFFECT ON RIGHTS OR AUTHORITY.—Noth-
 25 ing in this Act alters, amends, or modifies any right or

1 authority of any person (as defined in section 302(e) of
2 the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7601(e)) to bring a civil
3 action under section 304 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.
4 7603).

5 **SEC. 6. JUDICIAL REVIEW.**

6 Any decision by the Commission that would be sub-
7 ject to appellate review if it were made by the
8 Administrator—

9 (1) shall be subject to appellate review by the
10 United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Cir-
11 cuit; and

12 (2) may be reviewed by the Court of Appeals
13 applying the same standard that would be applicable
14 to a decision of the Administrator.

15 **SEC. 7. DISCLAIMER.**

16 Nothing in this Act—

17 (1) modifies any provision of—

18 (A) the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et
19 seq.);

20 (B) Public Law 98–290 (25 U.S.C. 668
21 note); or

22 (C) any lawful administrative rule promul-
23 gated in accordance with those statutes; or

24 (2) affects or influences in any manner any
25 past or prospective judicial interpretation or applica-

1 tion of those statutes by the United States, the
2 Tribe, the State, or any Federal, tribal, or State
3 court.

Passed the Senate November 21, 2003.

Attest:

Secretary.

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